# Tuesday 1st September
# Week of Prayer 2020

Thank you for taking time this evening to spend in prayer, lifting our children and young people to the Lord. During this evening, we will be hearing from a range of different people at various levels of their education as well as getting prayer points from some of our teachers.

The last number of months have been extremely challenging for us all. That is echoed by our children & young people. Each of us were created to be in relationship with one another and for many, having lockdown restrictions created and the classroom being brought to the home has been a testing time.

During this evening, you will hear some of the lessons that have been learnt throughout lockdown and how they hope to be different as they enter the 'new normal'. As a church family, it is our prayer that each of the children and young people will come to the know the Lord in a deep and personal way.

As you watch the video, please pause when prompted to do so and take time to pray. A challenge for us all could be: How could we follow up with some of the people in the video and others in our church?

## PRAYER POINTS

### Video 1 - Primary School Children

Take time to simply praise God for who He is and what He has done in your life. What are you thankful for? How can you praise God this evening?

Remember all those in Primary School; please pray for safety and that all teachers, parents and students can establish new routines. Pray for those going into P1.

### Video 2 - Primary School Children and Those Heading into Year 8

In this video, we are asked to pray for those making the move into 'big school'. Let us pray that the transition would go well and new friends would be made.

Let us also remember those who will have to sit their AQE exams this year. Pray that there would be safety in our schools.

Pray for those parents who have been made unemployed due to the pandemic.

**Video 3 - Students in Year 9+**

Give thanks for their return to school.

Pray that students would be able to develop good relationships with their teachers.

Give thanks for the lessons learnt during lockdown and that God would continue to be made central in their lives.

Pray for positive perspectives and that our young people would remain positive despite the situations they find themselves in.

**Video 4 - Students Leaving School**

Please pray for those students hoping to find a local church whilst being at University.
Pray that this transition would go well and that they would be able to connect to a Christian community and find new friends.

Pray for those taking a gap year this year, may they grow in their relationship with God wherever they are serving and/or working.

Pray that moving to University will go smoothly and that adjusting into new routines would go well.

Above all, pray that their foundation and hope would always be in the Lord and that they would anchor their lives in Him.

**Video 5 - Teachers**

During this section, we are praying for our teachers, classroom assistants and principals.

Give thanks for their role in educating our children and young people.

May God grant them wisdom and patience in the upcoming weeks and months.

Pray for protection and safety and teachers navigate moving around the school and interacting with their pupils.

Pray for their Christian witness within their school - that the hope that is within them may be seen by pupils and other members of staff.

Pray for energy and strength in an ever-changing and difficult season. May God grant this to them when they feel overwhelmed and burdened.

As mentioned, please pray for the mental health of all school staff and pupils.

**Video 6 - Youth Organisations**

Give thanks for the Summer Groups that happened throughout the summer months. Praise God for good weather and for the conversations and fellowship that took place.

Pray for the leaders of each organisation; may God grant wisdom and patience and may we never neglect our own relationship with God as we lead others.

Give thanks for the building we have in Bloomfield and for potential opportunities to meet together.

Pray for the upcoming meeting of all youth organisations, that a real sense of community and togetherness would be accomplished.

Thank God that no matter the circumstances, we can always pray and lift our children and young people to Him.

Pray for parents and carers as they find a balance of home and work life again.

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On behalf of all the leaders across our youth and children organisations in Bloomfield, can I say thank you for pausing and praying for all these things this evening. May we pray expecting God to work in mighty ways.

In Christ,
Michael